

Fire Weather and Fire Outlook

Moisture is moving from the northwest to the south, with accumulated rain up to inch in the north and 1/10th inch to the southwest. Lightning is forecast for Washington and western Oregon on Wednesday and Thursday moving to the east Thursday. These will be mostly wet thunderstorms, though some areas may only receive light rain.

This pattern of moisture to the north, northwest and western/southern Oregon is forecast for the next 3-5 days, with drier conditions to the east and in south-central to the southeast Oregon. Fire activity would likely be confined to duff and pockets of heavy fuel, though areas with dry fine fuel may still carry fire. With the burn window decreasing as humidity rises and daylight decreases, the daily fire window is becoming shorter too. East winds may return to the Klondike Fire, but the timing and likelihood is uncertain.

Other information:

After 54 days of operation, the Southwest Oregon Joint Information Center closed down today. The JIC supported 35 fires and 14 incident management teams. They fielded more than 29,000 calls and had more than 104,000 views of their blog of consolidated fire information. The JIC manager and assistant prepared a plan for future activations of the JIC so the area will be prepared next time it is warranted.

A vehicle rollover occurred on the Miles Fire today, resulting a type 3 team member receiving minor injuries and being transported. An unrelated ankle burn also occurred on the Miles Fire today.

Emerging Incidents

Initial attack was light in Oregon and Washington, with five new starts in the region.

A 600-acre fire is burning in grass, 30 miles south of Yakima, with aviation and ground resources responding. The Oak Springs Fire is threatening two structures and a cemetery on the Yakama Nation Reservation.

The Iron East Fire is new Blewett Pass on the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF is 125 acres and 0% contained.

Fire-related articles

"A Fire-Filled Future Could Lead To More Smoke-Related Deaths." Oregon Public Broadcasting.

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/wildfire-fire-smoke-related-deaths-climate-change-warming/>

"Wildfire's New Normal Looks a Lot Like the Old Normal with a Software Update." Stephen Pyne. History News Network. <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/169898>

"Merkley, Wyden Secure USDA Relief For Farmers Whose Crops Were Devastated By Wildfires." Klamath Falls (OR) News.

<https://www.klamathfallsnews.org/news/merkley-wyden-secure-usda-relief-for-farmers-whose-crops-were-devastated-by-wildfires>

"Two Australian firefighters were mistakenly shot at, according to local reports." News.com.AU. (Sydney/AU).

<https://www.news.com.au/world/north-america/two-australian-firefighters-were-mistakenly-shot-at-according-to-local-reports/news-story/e14826b0695e19dca8be1acf6ce676f9>

"Australian Firefighters not being shot at: US Sheriffs" Sidney Morning Herald. <https://www.smh.com.au/world/north-america/australian-firefighters-not-being-shot-at-us-sheriffs-20180912-p5037i.html>

Helpful Links

- PNW Execs blog: pnwexecs.blogspot.com
- NWCC Blog: <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/>
- Oregon Smoke blog: <http://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/>
- Washington Smoke blog: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>
- 7-Day Fire Potential : <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/fwv/guidance/DL.pdf>
- Morning Brief: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/intelligence/MORNINGBRIEF.pdf>
- Helpful Wind Map: <https://www.windy.com/?44.143,-119.773,6i:pressure>

Large Incidents - Washington

Crescent Mountain/McLeod/Holman Fires: PNW Team 2, IC Schulte shadowed the NR Team today and will assume command at 7 a.m. Wednesday of the Crescent Mountain/McLeod/Holman fires, which are burning on the Methow Valley Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF.

αμύδον; Crescent Mountain: The fire experienced limited growth yesterday, but no infrared was flown overnight. The fire is 51,363 acres with containment at 39 percent. Firefighters completed burnout on the north side of Mission Peak. More information is at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6093/>

- McLeod Fire: This fire is 22,743 acres and 48 percent contained. Most of the fire is in mop up and repair. One individual was transported for a rash.

Figure 2 Cougar Creek ICP

Cougar Creek/Bannock Lake: (NW Team 10, IC Lawson) The Cougar Creek fire is at 42,712 acres and 7 con percent contained and Bannock Lake Fire is at 497 acres. The Pacific Crest Trail reroute is still in place. Today was the last day for NW Team 10, and the fire will be transferred to a local type 3 organization on Wednesday. The Burned Area Emergency Response team was inbriefed Monday and began working on assessments today. The IMT had a 911 recognition with the state and National Guard members today. More information is at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6053/>

Large Incidents - Oregon

Klondike Fire: (SA Red, IC Dueitt). The fire is at 134,241 acres and 51 percent contained. Level 2 evacuation notices remain in place for the community of Agness. Bear Camp Road was closed to all non-fire traffic again today. This closure is due to tactical firing operations along Bear Camp Road. Outfitters (permit holders) who use the road have expressed their appreciation for the IMT's efforts to accommodate them and keep them informed. Yesterday the fire spotted and made a little push toward the road, prompting fire crews to begin tactical firing operations again. Dueitt's team has agreed to extend through Sept. 18 so the fire can be transferred to a type 2 team. More information is at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5998/>.

Terwilliger Fire: NR Team, IC Connell will transfer command to NW Team 8, IC Johnson tomorrow at 6 a.m. for the 10,948-acre Terwilliger Fire that is 66 percent contained. The fire is located on the Willamette National Forest near the Terwilliger (Cougar) Hot Springs and burning on both sides of Cougar Reservoir. Crews finished 15 miles of chipping yesterday. The forest had scaling contractors in to assess slide concerns along the FS 19 road. Information can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160/>

Natchez Fire: NW Team 7, IC Knerr. The fire is now 32,782 acres and 78 percent contained. Three wildfire modules remain in the Siskiyou Wilderness assessing the containment options for the forest, as well as repairing UTV trails used during suppression. The community of Sunstar remains under a Level 1 evacuation. Three additional residences are under an evacuation warning. The fire reported that 150 miles of road need repair work. A bee sting to the tongue was reported today. More information can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5948/>.

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